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Under 19 "A" Section							Under 16 Division							
Sunshine United	14	12	1	1	44	11	25	Northcote	15	13	1	1	36	6
South Yarra	13	12	0	1	44	10	24	Brighton	15	11	1	3	33	14
Box Hill	14	8	1	5	35	25	17	Sandringham City	15	10	1	4	27	22
Brighton	13	7	0	6	39	21	14	Box Hill	15	8	2	5	32	12
Army Apprentices	12	5	1	6	23	43	11	Sth. Melb. United	15	7	2	6	28	26
Sandringham City	14	4	2	8	15	37	10	Park Rangers	15	7	0	8	18	19
Park Rangers	14	2	0	12	15	61	4	Preston	15	5	3	7	19	18
Hakoah	14	1	1	12	6	13	3	Ringwood	14	3	1	10	17	36
								South Yarra	15	3	1	11	13	41
								Sunshine United	14	1	0	13	3	32
Under 19 "B" Section							Under 14 Division							
Vallourn	13	12	1	0	48	5	25	Park Rangers	14	9	2	3	53	12
Preston	14	10	2	2	57	13	22	S. Melb. United "A"	15	9	2	4	61	17
Sth. Melb. United	13	7	0	6	37	19	14	Box Hill	14	9	1	4	35	17
Juventus	12	6	2	4	35	23	14	Coburg	15	9	0	6	34	30
Coburg	13	7	0	6	23	27	14	Western Suburbs	14	12	1	1	43	11
Ringwood	12	4	0	8	19	32	8	Sunshine United	15	11	2	2	60	10
Metters	13	3	2	8	23	41	8	Sandringham City	14	5	5	4	22	20
Noorabbin	12	3	1	8	25	39	7	Preston	15	5	2	8	34	47
Northcote	14	2	0	12	10	78	4	Bentleigh	15	4	1	10	32	36
								S. Melb. United "B"	15	3	2	10	12	36
								Brighton	15	2	2	11	17	46
								Hightett N.F.	15	0	0	15	7	126

NOTE:—Ringwood has withdrawn its team from the Under 19 Division. A decision as to allotment of points won or lost by teams against Ringwood in this Division, will be decided at the next executive committee meeting.



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PRAHRAN "A" TEA



The Prahran First team has at times this season played brilliant football but inconsistency has cost them a chance of winning the First Division. At present in third place Prahran is likely to finish well up and as usual will be a danger to any club in the Dockerty Cup.

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



This week has shown that sport in the Old Country has about reached its lowest ebb. In cricket England went down to the West Indies, in Rugby Union to New Zealand and in Rugby League to Australia, but not even the most dismal of pessimists would have predicted Great Britain's defeat in the World Cup at Rio by such a minor soccer country as the U.S.A.—even by 1 goal to nil. No doubt the English defeat was due in a large measure to over-confidence. We have seen big name teams go down to unknowns in Cup competition here for that reason, but whatever the circumstances it must come as a tremendous blow to all of us who have always regarded Britain as the home of soccer, that the English team—overflowing as it was with names that have become household words wherever soccer is played—should have to lower its colors to the U.S.A., a country where professional soccer is unknown, and which has hitherto been regarded more with amused tolerance than a threat.

We hope that by the time this appears in print, the British will have had more success in their second game—versus Spain. If they do not defeat the Spaniards they will not go on to the major section of the Cup competition, and their trip to Rio will end in ignominy.

The winners of the First Division, Sunshine United, having now established the truly amazing lead of 10 points over the nearest rivals, interest now centres on the battle to avoid relegation. Moreland, now 4 points behind Hakoah, can hardly hope to avoid dropping to the Second Division next season, but Footscray City, with three hard games left to play, will have to watch their steps even though at present they lead Hakoah by two points and goal average.

In the Second Division, Heidelberg cannot now miss relegation, but Ringwood with their 8–2 victory over Juventus may yet save the day.

In the Third Division (South) Moorabbin's defeat of Navy now makes the promotion of J.U.S.T a foregone conclusion, but in the Northern section the fight still goes on between Fifers and White Eagles and looks like continuing until the last game of the series. Fifers are at present on top, but the Yugoslav team has a game in hand and just shades the Scots on goal average.

The best record of any team is now held by the Yallourn (Under 19) junior team which in 13 fixtures has not lost a game, their only debit being one point for a drawn game. This is a fine record from a fine young team, many of whose players will soon be going into senior football. The Gippsland club is to be congratulated for the grand coaching their youngsters have received.

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By JACK ASHENHURST

FREE KICKS

Can a goal be scored direct from a free kick awarded for off-side? The answer is in the negative, because such a kick falls within the category of "Indirect Free Kicks" from which a goal cannot be scored direct, i.e., without touching a second player.

Indirect free kicks are awarded for technical offences, where regulations concerning the method of play are broken. They include:—

- (1) Free kick for off-side.
- (2) Free kick against goalkeeper for carrying the ball more than four paces without bouncing it on the ground.
- (3) Free kick against an attacking player for charging the goalkeeper fairly inside the goal area when the latter is not holding the ball or obstructing an opponent.
- (4) Free kick against a player who, taking any form of free kick, plays the ball twice before any other player has touched it.
- (5) Free kick against a player for dangerous play, e.g., attempting to kick the ball when it is held by the goalkeeper.
- (6) Free kick against a player for ungentlemanly conduct such as persistent infringement of the law or showing by word or action dissent from the decisions of the referee.

Included in the category of indirect free kicks are place kicks for starting the game, or re-starting it after a goal has been scored, and goal kicks. A corner kick does not come within this category as from it a goal may be scored direct.

Free kicks from which a goal may be scored direct are termed "Direct Free Kicks," and these are awarded for the following intentional offences, which are known as "penal offences":—

(1) Handling the ball.	(6) Charging an opponent violently.
(2) Pushing an opponent.	(7) Striking an opponent.
(3) Jumping at an opponent.	(8) Kicking an opponent.
(4) Holding an opponent.	(9) Charging an opponent from behind.
(5) Tripping an opponent.	

If any of these penal offences is committed intentionally by a defending player inside the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded.

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL FREE KICKS

- (1) Players opposing the player taking a free kick must be at least 10 yards from the ball, except when a free kick is awarded to the attacking side nearer than 10 yards from the goal line, when they may then stand on the goal line between the posts.
- (2) The player taking the kick must not play the ball a second time before it has been touched by another player. For infringement an indirect free kick is given to the opposing side.
- (3) The ball must travel the distance of its circumference before the kick is deemed to have been taken.
- (4) The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

- (1) When a goal kick or any other free kick is taken by the defending side within its own penalty area, the ball must be kicked to pass outside the penalty area before it is deemed in play. Should this not happen the kick is retaken.
- (2) From a place kick the ball must be kicked into the opponents' half of the field.
- (3) From a penalty spot kick the ball must be kicked forward.

GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

All the three Yallourn teams, that is, the Second Division, the Second Division Reserves and Under 19, are keyed up with the prospects of bringing the championship honors to Yallourn this season.

After the triple victory against University and Coburg last Saturday, all players are confident that they will be successful in their ambitions. Here's hoping. Several of the new English migrants are expected to report for training and we are hoping that they will prove an asset to the club.

The committee has installed a loud speaker system on the ground, which is proving a great benefit and time saver. There's no doubt that every effort is being made to make our soccer club something to be proud of.

Which reminds me of a coming event. A grand soccer ball to wind up the season will be held in August. What a night that is going to be, especially if the three teams are successful in bringing off the championships. We shall, we hope, see some of the Melbourne executives up for that night. Anyhow, we give you all a very cordial invitation. You sure will enjoy yourselves. We will supply the necessary interpreters.

A very happy event occurred last Saturday, when our popular goalkeeper, Jimmy Fanos, took to himself a wife. Being a good goalkeeper, Jimmy simply hates anything good to get past him, and naturally when this charming young lady came at him, he had to do something about it. Needless to say, we extend to him our heartiest congratulations and wish them both every happiness.

By the way, the Yallourn club appreciated very much the remark of South Melbourne Reserves in last week's issue. Thanks a lot, South Melbourne. Such expressions are priceless.

Whilst in Melbourne last Saturday we were pleased to see our old friend, Jock Hannah, another Yallourn supporter residing in Melbourne. Jock is still a keen supporter of Yallourn and never misses a match when the boys are in the city. All the boys send their regards to you, Jock.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

On Saturday, July 29, a special souvenir number of "Soccer News" will be published for the interstate game against South Australia. This number will be on sale at Olympic Park, but will be supplied to clubs as usual only BY SPECIAL REQUEST. Clubs requiring copies of this number are therefore asked to place their order with the Editor as EARLY AS POSSIBLE to avoid DISAPPOINTMENT. Only a limited number will be printed.

Clubs are also asked to notify the Editor whether they will still be requiring copies of "Soccer News" sent to them should they be knocked out of the Dockerty Cup in the first round on August 5.

Last year dissatisfaction was expressed in many quarters when "Soccer News" ceased publication after the first round of the Cup. This year it is proposed to continue publication until the end of the season, but this can only be done if the circulation is maintained at a paying figure.

Clubs are asked therefore to co-operate by notifying the Editor within fourteen days of this date if they will require their quota continued.

—EDITOR.

INTERSTATE MATCH

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No responsibility accepted for entry lost or mislaid. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into. Members of “Soccer News” and V.A.S.F.A. Officials are not eligible.

No. 5 CONTEST

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of games listed on Coupon No. 5. The game Brighton v. Bentleigh not being played, all competitors were credited with selecting a correct result. The following four competitors succeeded in getting nine results and would be thinking themselves most unlucky, no doubt:

W. DUFF, 21 Phoenix Street, South Yarra.
W. MORLEY, 35 Locksley Road, Ivanhoe.
L. DIAMOND, 37 Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda.
E. S. BEALE, 41 Clapham Street, Thornbury.

Prize money for No. 6 Contest has “jackpotted” to £6.

KEEP THIS COUPON TO CHECK RESULTS

First Division	Second Division
Sunshine v. Box Hill	1
Park Rangers v. Footscray	1
South Yarra v. Moreland	1
Hakoah v. Sandringham	2
Prahran v. Brighton	1
	2
	3
	1
	2
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MATCHES PLAYED JULY 15, 1950

SOCCER NEWS COUPON No. 7

Home	Away
First Division	
Sunshine v. Box Hill	
Park Rangers v. Footscray	
South Yarra v. Moreland	
Hakoah v. Sandringham	
Prahran v. Brighton	
Second Division	
Ringwood v. University	
Third Division (South)	
Moorabbin v. Olympic	
Third Division (North)	
Williamstown v. Geelong Celtic	
First Division Reserves	
Brighton v. Prahran	
Second Division Reserves	
South Melbourne v. Juventus	

To mark Coupon, place Fig. 1 in column provided to denote home team WIN, Fig. 2 to denote AWAY team WIN, Letter X to denote a DRAWN game.

I have read and agree to “Soccer News” Conditions of Entry, and accept their decision as final in all matters pertaining to same.

(Signed)

(Write in Block Letters)

STATE TRIAL

The following players have been chosen to play tomorrow, Sunday, July 9, at Olympic Park. Players to be at dressing-rooms by 2.15 p.m.:—

Ashworth (Prahran)			
Heath (Moreland)	White (Sandringham)	Drennen (Sunshine)	
Dobrich (J.U.S.T.)	Scott (Brighton)	Lachman (Prahran)	McFeeters (Box Hill)
Wilson (Sandringham)	Bambro (Sandringham)	Stoddart (Brighton)	
McKenzie (Brighton)	Thorrington (Western Suburbs)	Johnson (Western Suburbs)	Hardman (Moreland)
L. Hutchison (Box Hill)		Bird (Sunshine)	Raubel (J.U.S.T.)
Starklet (Park Rangers)		Yarucouski (White Eagles)	McCall (Preston)
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Reserves: Klimsock (West. Suburbs); Dawson (Footscray); Cox (West. Suburbs); Evans (Sunshine).

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CLUB JOTTINGS

MORELAND VISITS ADELAIDE

Leaving Melbourne on Friday night by train, Moreland made a good opening to their trip by singing and entertainment by the imported (or was it deported) Welshman, Bob Greenslade. Bob kept things going at a fast tempo all the way. We were met at Adelaide station by newspaper reporters, photographers, and the Cumberland United Soccer Club. A look at Cumberland versus Sturt on Saturday afternoon showed us that they play the game hard in Adelaide. On Saturday night a Welcome to Moreland Ball was enjoyed by all.

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LOCAL INTERNATIONAL CONTEST
TRIALS FOR AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The following players are requested to be in attendance at South Melbourne United Club ground, Middle Park, on Sunday, July 9, at 2 p.m. to take part in trials for the above. All players will be given a trial during the afternoon.

W. Gravell (University)	A. Harradin (Sunshine)
M. Good (Brighton)	D. Drennen (Sunshine)
D. Miller (South Yarra)	L. Bird (Sunshine)
Grix (Moreland)	A. Deacon (Univ.)
McKenzie (Brighton)	T. Murray (Sth. Melbourne)
W. Tester (Box Hill)	V. Brooker (Sth. Melbourne)
J. Holborn (Box Hill)	W. Gray (Park Rangers)
A. Scott (Brighton)	J. Gleeve (South Melbourne)
Nelson (Park Rangers)	Petterson (Park Rangers)
K. Watson (Sth. Melbourne)	S. Cozmark (Prahran)
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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

New Australians living in the backblocks and wishing to play soccer with J.U.S.T. will be transferred to Melbourne officially. Ministry of Labor has acceded to the request of a live wire member of the club. 'Nuff sed!

BEHIND THE NEWS

Neil Franklin, Stoke City, is playing with Santa Fe, Colombia. He is one of the players "lured" to South America. Salary is £3000 a year, plus a bonus for a win or draw. In addition, 1000 pesos living allowance a month, and numerous other benefits such as free insurance, accommodation and a vacation to England during the closed season. Naturally it means he is finished with English football. This back-door method of grabbing England's best players has caused a sensation. Even club managers wouldn't knock back £500 which they were offered if they could get the right men. The Colombian Embassy in London was in the news, too!

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SANDRINGHAM CITY

Well done, Sunshine! We give you credit for a good win and also for winning the League Championship.

In a hard game, spoilt by wind and other factors, City went down fighting but were not robust enough.

The Reserves, in a ding-dong game, played a draw—4 goals all—which is very heavy scoring. The club welcomes back into its ranks two boys, Graham Simpson and Frank Roberts, who have been absent for a while. Both are good clubmen.

We are very honored to have two of our Under 14 boys selected to represent Victoria against New South Wales this month. They are young Hodgson and Routen. Good work, boys. The club is very proud of you both.

The Sandringham club is taking up a collection amongst members and supporters to help defray the expenses of the two lads. So dig deep, members, and see Don Bingham, who will be only too glad to thank you.

Rumor has it that Manager Cal O'Donnell, with his wife, Doris, and son, Ian, are to be transferred to Canberra on Government work. We will be sorry to lose Cal, as he is an excellent clubman, and well liked by all.

The Hammers are training very hard with the Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup in mind, and all players are reminded that only those who train will be selected in the teams from this Saturday, regardless of class.

SOUTH YARRA

In front of a big crowd and on a perfect day for soccer, South Yarra gave Brighton a fright, for in the first few minutes of the game Yarra drove in hard towards the visitors' goal. Lott was very unlucky not to score. Yarra were having most of the play but Brighton's defence held until a few minutes before half-time Sharman gave Lott his chance and Yarra took the lead. Half-time: Yarra 1; Brighton 0.

Brighton seemed determined that Yarra were not going to get away with the advantage and gave Reynolds plenty of work, but the visitors' efforts came to nought. Then Yarra took the offensive and some exciting play was witnessed. Bolton, South Yarra's left-winger, fastened on to the ball and when everyone thought he was going to centre the ball he shot it low into the corner of the net, completely taking Sinclair by surprise. Seven minutes before time Brighton opened its account and inside two minutes had notched another and were well able to divide the points. Final scores: South Yarra 2; Brighton 2.

SOUTH YARRA SOCCER CLUB (SENIORS)

Remember Tonight and Place: St. Martin's Hall, corner Cromwell Road and Wilson Street. From 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Grand Dance. Bert Shingles' Orchestra. Good Supper. If you want a good night, this is your opportunity.

South Yarra have lost the services of Mr. A. Hopkinson, their very popular president. Business has taken "Pop" to a far-away town, but Yarra hopes to see him cheering them on at the Cup Final. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson have been very hard workers for the club and Yarra regretfully have had to say adieu. All at South Yarra wish them all the best in their new sphere.

South Yarra Juniors Under 16 team would like friendly games on Sunday afternoons, and any club desirous of a game, please communicate with W. Duff, Phone: BJ 3347.

MOORABBIN CITY

Last Saturday's game with Flinders Naval Depot was a very fast, clean game and ended in a win for the home team. Our president, not exactly a gambling man, found himself handing over £1 to the club fund.

Right back, Allen Lester, was out owing to an injured foot. Our new centre forward mistook directions and arrived too late to participate in the game. For the first 15 minutes Moorabbin played with nine men, the eleventh man going on just before half-time.

Stick to the middle, Pat, it pays good dividends. Good work is being done by our social committee with Geo. Ellis as its leader.

The club extends its best wishes to Allen Lester on his new venture.

BOX HILL

On July 1, whilst the Senior team visited Middle Park, two home games were played. The Reserves played Park Rangers and the Third Division team played J.U.S.T., the Yugoslav team, which is in top place. In the Reserve game Park Rangers were a very keen side. The defence was too strong for the Box Hill forwards and the position play of the forwards was good. The Box Hill defence was weak, particularly the half-back line, while Otto and Mierfoot were the best of the forwards. Final scores: Park Rangers 4; Box Hill 1.

The Third Division result was not unexpected as the Yugoslavs have an exceptionally good goal average. They won this game 9 goals to 1. The small ground helped them to excel in the short passing game. Their position play was excellent while the defence was sound and the half-backs combined well with the forwards. Box Hill made only an occasional raid on the visitors' goal. In one of them the Yugoslav goalie was injured and had to leave the ground.

Prior to the above Senior games the Under 19's played Park Rangers at 1.15 p.m. Box Hill had a comfortable win, 5–0, showed good systematic teamwork, and displayed football of a very high standard, which augurs well for their future games in the Junior Cup. Best players for Box Hill: Otto, Whiting, Gauci and Jarius.

Other results:—Under 16—Box Hill 4; South Melbourne 0. Under 14—South Melbourne "A" 8; Box Hill 0. The Schoolboys had an off day and have now lost the lead in the Under 14 Division.

COBURG

The Coburg Soccer Club had a big reverse this week, losing three games out of four. The main game of Coburg v. International Harvester was fast, and both teams put up good performances of soccer. The Harvester boys were far superior, winning 1 goal to nil. This club has improved 100 per cent.

At Geelong Coburg won 3 goals to nil. Since some new recruits signed on and this has improved the team. International Harvester will no doubt give some of the main teams in the higher Divisions a shock as it has a good combination and revels in fast team-work.

The Coburg Reserve team defeated Olympic 1 goal to nil. This puts it now No. 1 on the ladder.

The Juniors Under 19 were defeated badly by Preston Juniors, 7 goals to nil. Preston has improved.

The Schoolboys were well beaten by the improved Sunshine United, 3 goals to 1 goal. These boys played excellent soccer and are a credit to their trainer. Good work, Sunshine, and keep the Juniors going.

Best players:—Seniors—Tormey, Janek. Reserves—Peebles, Francis, Hank. Juniors—Hartley, Hambridge. Schoolboys—J. McCarthy, Roy, Adams.

FIFERS

A high wind served to spoil last week's game against Williamstown and for a long time it looked as if we would never score. Due to injuries, an experimental forward line was chosen, but even these positions were altered during the game. Bill Bushrod opened the scoring with another well taken penalty and shortly afterwards Colin Beveridge, playing at centre, scored with as neat a flick as would be seen in any class of football. With the change of ends, now against the wind, a new menace made an appearance—King Sol. Things were hectic for a time with the defence mainly guessing at the whereabouts of the ball. However, a movement began on the right and finished with a brilliant goal by left-winger Ian Vosper. A few minutes before time, with the home team leading by 3 goals, saw a breakaway by the Town. Hesitation by the goalie—who must surely have been frozen—gave away the simplest of goals.

Meanwhile, our Reserves were battling against a gale at Williamstown and, like the Seniors, experimenting with the forward line. All 14 stone of Nils Lied defied the elements at centre forward and he had a glorious time. The first game for three weeks, it was merely a try-out for an injured ankle. Goals by Jimmy Russell (2) and Young Gessie gave the boys their third win in a row by 3–1. The much talked-of challenge with the Seniors looks like being a real tussle.

The article by H. Bayley, citing the endeavors of a stalwart to see Yallourn matches, prompts me to spotlight Fifers supporters who travel from Sunshine. Our fans by no means live close to Fairfield; indeed, one lives in Upwey and we are mighty grateful for such encouragement. Now, lads, it's up to you to serve the kind of football that will bring spectators from far and near and at the same time show your appreciation for such support.

PRESTON

The Preston v. University game was good in patches. With the talent that was on the field, we might have expected a treat, but perhaps the wind was to blame. Most exciting feature of the game was the tussle between Hugh Wilson and centre-half, Gravell. The fact that Wilson failed to score was no reflection on his ability; rather was it a tribute to his opponent.

"Shop" was first to attack, but was unlucky to find G. Smith and Buff in top form. Their most dangerous attacks came from the right wing. After ten minutes the initiative passed to Preston. Jim Smith seemed very attached to the ball, at times beating the whole defence on his own. Cromptvoets was less uncanny, but equally effective, whilst Finnerty and Bracewell fetched and carried as usual. Preston opened the scoring when Wilson pounced on Bracewell's pass, beat his man, passed to Smith, who slammed it home.

Immediately after the interval, Preston increased their lead, Finnerty netting with a left-foot drive. For a time Preston had it all its own way. Wall, playing a very constructive game, sent a long pass into the penalty area. Wilson rose up, headed out to Smith, Smith across to Cromptvoets, who booted it first time, and put Preston three up.

Aroused and seemingly reinvigorated, "Shop" attacked with a will. All at once, the home defence became vulnerable. But the rally came too late, University scoring only once.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5

Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES**CAUTIONING PLAYERS**

All clubs and players are reminded of the Rules of the V.A.S.F.A. for cautioning players. When a player has his name taken three times he is automatically brought before the Disciplinary Committee. Cautions are carried forward from one season to the next, i.e., a players may receive one caution in season 1950 and on receiving two cautions in season 1951 will be deemed to have received three cautions and will therefore appear before the committee.

A list of players cautioned this season appears below and this has been published in fairness to the clubs and players concerned.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

The following players have been cautioned by referees this season. Three cautions constitute one ordering off:-

Moreland: Grix, J. Stewart, Rathington. Footscray City: F. B. Gibson (left-back). Western Suburbs: E. Dodd, C. Thorington, K. Gillard. University: K. Wyatt. Preston: Cromvoet. Box Hill: Croxford (twice). J.U.S.T.: Plavsic, Dobric. Juventus: Martini, Francesconi. G. Krespi. George Cross: Caruana. Hakoah: Kopstein. South Melbourne: Cahill. Yarraville: W. Hamilton. Heidelberg: M. Toysett, Cumming, Baillie. Royal Caledonians: Parrish. South Yarra: J. Orr, Dall, Mooris, Durnlan. Park Rangers: S. Muirhead, Dickinson. F.N.D.: A. Dearlove. Olympic: Vassiliou. Sunshine United: J. Taylor. Sandringham City: B. Donaldson.

Juventus.—Following incidents at the match Juventus v. Yallourn on June 10, the League Management Committee has made the following decisions:—(1) The match points have been awarded to Yallourn S.C.; (2) Juventus S.C. have been ordered to provide police protection for all remaining League matches in which their First team participate; (3) Juventus S.C. have been fined the sum of £10 (Ten pounds), to be paid within seven (7) days. The Juventus S.C. were reminded that a previous warning was issued to the clubs on June 8, 1950.

By order of the League Management Committee.

S. BEATON, Secretary.

Team Sheets.—Clubs are again reminded that official Team Sheets must be filled in for each match and ordinary paper will not be accepted.

Cup Ties.—Cup Ties will commence on August 5, 1950, and all clubs are reminded that entry fees must be paid immediately.

Third Division (South).—Please note that Brighton S.C. has withdrawn their team from the above Division.—S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

Victorian Police S.C.—Mr. W. Reilly, having resigned, the new secretary is Mr. J. H. Dipple, Police H.Q., Russell Street, Melbourne, C.I., to whom all correspondence should be sent in future.

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JUNIOR SECTION

INTERSTATE SCHOOLBOY TEAM ANNOUNCED

The Victorian (Under 14) Interstate Schoolboy team to visit New South Wales on Sunday, July 23, to take part in the Australian Schoolboys' Soccer Carnival, is as follows:—

Smith, Petherick and Hateley (Sunshine United), Hodgson and Routon (Sandringham City), Orr, Bellott, Linstein and Lea (Brighton), Duchier and Bedford (Box Hill), Fairweather and Marsden (Preston), Hartley (Coburg), Pepper (Northcote).

The team will leave on the 6.30 "Spirit of Progress" on the evening of Sunday, July 23, and the executive committee of the Junior Association would appreciate a large gathering of soccer enthusiasts to put in an appearance at the Spencer Street station at 6 o'clock on the evening of the boys' departure for Sydney and thus give these boys a bumper send-off.

SUNSHINE TAKE THE LEAD

Due to the postponement of the Army Apprentices-South Yarra match in the "A" Section of the Under 19 Division on Saturday last, South Yarra lost its position at the top of the premiership ladder to Sunshine United, who has been following closely the Fawkner Park brigade for some weeks now. Last Saturday's fixtures in this Division was the final round of home-and-away games, and it now remains for a few postponed games to be played to decide the Section premiership. South Yarra with a game in hand are only one point behind the Section leaders, Sunshine United, and a win for them would give them the premiership of their Section. At the completion of the "B" Section's fixtures in this Division, the winners of the two Sections are to play off for the Under 19 Division Premiership.

YALLOURN APPEAR SAFE

Yallourn, with a three point lead over its nearest opponents, Preston, in the "B" Section of the Under 19 Division, now appear set for its Section Premiership. Yallourn has yet three League games to play, whilst Preston, the nearest opponents, has but two. On form, Yallourn should, even if beaten by Preston on July 22, still retain this three point margin and thus win its Section.

UNDER 16 LEADERS MEET TODAY

Today at Hurlingham Park, the Under 16 Division leaders, Northcote, will visit Brighton, who is running second. Northcote seems assured of winning this Division, even if it loses to Brighton, for the two final matches are against teams low on the premiership list.

INTERESTING STAGE REACHED IN SCHOOLBOY GRADE

Park Rangers, with four games yet to play, is leading the Schoolboy Grade equal on points with South Melbourne United, with one game less to play than the Rangers. Box Hill, also with four games yet to play, is only a point behind the leaders, whilst following closely are Coburg, Western Suburbs, Sunshine United, and Sandringham City. Thus, at this late stage, any of the abovementioned teams could yet win the premiership of this Division.

UNDER 19 STATE TRIALS

The following players are to meet outside the Olympic Park gates at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday (tomorrow), July 9:—Pritchard and Jennings (Moorabbin); Vangelista and Bavilaqua (Juventus); Diamond (Hakoah); Hill, Hateley and Crosbie (Sunshine); Palmer (Sandringham); Stelfox (Northcote); Peacheay, Horabin and McWilliams (Preston); Hanbridge, White and Hartley (Coburg); Jarvis and Dauchi (Box Hill); Shefford and McLean (South Yarra); Riddell and Stiles (South Melbourne United); Gabel (Park Rangers); Richards (Army Apprentices); Dixon (Brighton).

A game will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Senior State Trials if permission is granted by the Council, otherwise the Junior Trials will be staged on a ground at Yarra Park.

Prominent Players to coach Juniors

By ALEC JERVIS

After seeing the two Trial games last week for the junior interstate team v. South Australia in Adelaide later in the year, I must say that the standard in the Under 19 grades is not as high as it was last year. There were a number of players whom I suggest did not warrant a trial game and I am of the opinion that some clubs are doing very little in the way of organized coaching of their juniors. Clubs would receive more valuable service from these players as seniors if special efforts were made to give organized coaching while in the junior grades.

To enable the Junior Association to take the lead in this phase of the game I submit the following idea for their consideration:—

The Association should run a Colts' team as they do in the hockey association and similar to that carried out some time ago by the V.C.A. in cricket.

Each junior club could nominate its most promising players (maximum about three) to provide a pool from which a team would be selected each week. This team could play as a unit in the strongest section of the Under 19 grade or in the Second or Third Division of the senior association for experience.

The main feature, however, would be that these players should receive special coaching and instruction from prominent senior players who have the ability to pass on their knowledge.

I am sure we must have several senior players sufficiently experienced who are ready to contribute to the advancement of our code by helping in this regard. Furthermore, both the player and his club, would eventually benefit from the knowledge and experience gained while playing in a Colts' team.

From the best of these players the junior interstate team would eventually be selected, and during the League games any player not selected would be available to play for his club.

It could be provided that such players must continue with their club as seniors for at least one season (unless they permanently changed their address to another district) to give the clubs the benefit of the coaching received.

In conclusion, there are a number of details not mentioned here which are necessary to the success of such a scheme, but I am certain that the executive of the Association or a sub-committee could effectively arrange them. In the long run the standard of both junior and senior soccer would be improved.



COLLECTIONS AT OLYMPIC PARK

During the last two Senior interstate trial matches played on Sunday afternoons at Olympic Park, the proceeds of the collections taken have been allocated to the Junior Association Interstate Fund. This practice will be continued at all Senior interstate trials, and from tomorrow members of the Victorian Schoolboy State team will be taking up the collection. The ball boys in operation during the State trials will also be members of the Victorian Schoolboy team.

ACCOMMODATION STILL NEEDED

A very poor response has resulted from the appeal to clubs for billets for the visiting Junior team from Charlestown, which will arrive in Melbourne to play a series of matches on August 10. As this matter is rather urgent, another appeal is made to those soccer enthusiasts who can billet one or two of these juniors during their stay here in Melbourne. Further information can be obtained from the Junior Association secretary, Mr. J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman St., East St. Kilda, S.2. Phone: LB 1444.